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SUBJ: MODE - AUTHORIZED STAFFING LEVELS FOR AID FOR FY 68
AND 79

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1. COTONOU HAS ONE AID POSITION, AN AID AFFAIRS OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING COUNTRY PROGRAMS. HE IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE AID MISSION DIRECTOR IN NIAMEY. THE INCUMBENT IS HERBERT L. WOODS, AN FSR-4.

2. ALTHOUGH AID IS DEVELOPING A BILATERAL PROGRAM (PARALLELING AN EXISTING REGIONAL PROGRAM) IN BENIN WHICH COULD BRING AN ESTIMATED 10-12 FULL-TIME CONTRACT PERSONNEL TO THE COUNTRY AND REQUIRE DEISGN OF SIX NEW PROJECTS IN FY 79 FOR 1980, I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT NO ADDITIONAL AMERICAN OFFICER PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED. CAREFUL BUDGETING OF TIME SHOULD ENABLE THE AID OFFICER HIMSELF TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM. WHERE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WHICH ARE BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE AID AFFAIRS OFFICER ARISE, I BELIEVE THAT TDY PERSONNEL CAN BE CALLED IN FOR ASSISTANCE.
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3. WHILE I DO NOT THINK THAT ANY ADDITIONAL OFFICER PERSONNEL CAN BE JUSTIFIED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, DEPARTMENT AND AID/W SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PRESENT AID AFFAIRS OFFICER AND HIS PREDECESSOR HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY LACK OF ADEQUATE SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE. IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, AID AFFAIRS OFFICER HAS EMPLOYED,OR TRIED OUT, THREE BENINESE, TWO FRENCH, AND

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ONE AMERICAN LOCAL EMPLOYEE WITHOUT SATISFACTORY RESULTS. THE POSSIBILITIES ARE NOW NEARLY EXHAUSTED. FOR THIS REASON I RECOMMEND AID CONSIDER ASSIGNING A DIRECT-HIRE AMERICAN SECRETARY TO THE AID OFFICER DURING FY 79.

4. AID AFFAIRS OFFICER COMMENT: BECAUSE OF CONCERN FOR SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN WORKLOAD, INCREAES IN WORKLOAD COMPLEXITY, AS WELL AS CONCERNS FOR THE QUALITY OF PROGRAM AND PROJECT DESIGN DURING 1979 AND 1980, I FEEL THAT AT LEAST ONE OFFICER SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE STAFF IN 1979. THOMPSON

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